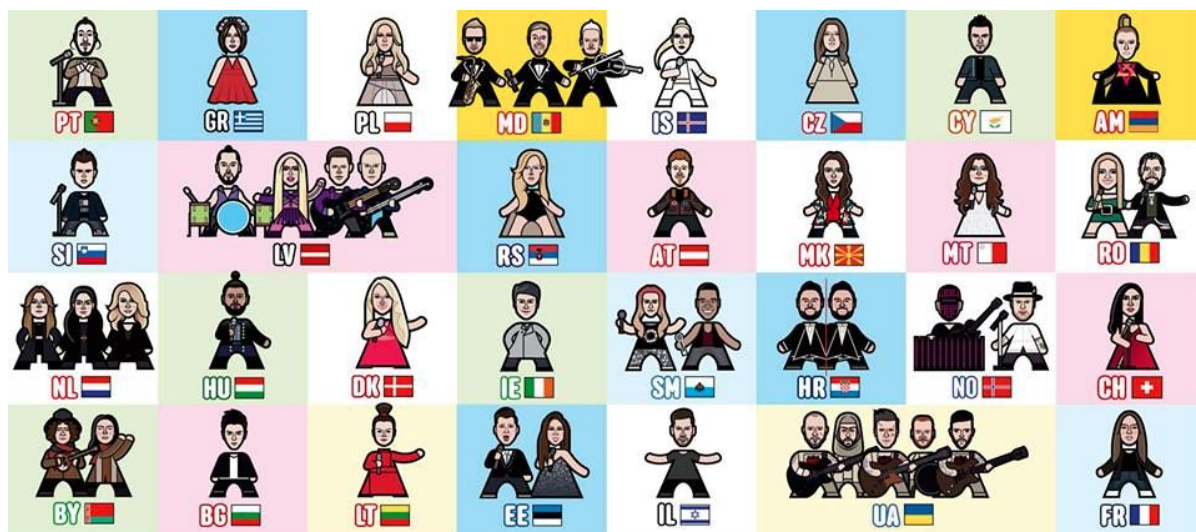


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INTRODUCTION

Sharleen's Word...

Welcome to the 2017 Eurovision Song Contest Guidebook!

Albeit being a challenging year for so many reasons, it's a welcome back to Ukraine as Eurovision hosts, and a hello from me - Sharleen Wright - returning on the ground to the contest after a 4-year absence. I'm both happy and proud to be back on board and developing some new content and directions for Insight.

Just as the Eurovision is moving fast with the times and changing before our eyes, so is our team. This book has been compiled by old guard and new - so many thanks to Samantha Ross and Lisa-Jayne for the information contained within.

Ewan's Word...

Forty two stories have made it to the Eurovision Stage in Kyiv for the 62nd Song Contest. Countless more have been told and already come to their end. We need to say goodbye to sixteen more songs before the Grand Final on May 13th, and that is perhaps the deepest cut of all.

But this is why I love the Contest! It is a ridiculous idea to compare such a wide range of songs and decide which is 'better', yet as a team, as a community, and as a continent to do just that every year. We fall in love with artists, we have our moments of passion and joy to contrast with the surprises and shocks, and through it all the goals of Marcel Bezencon, the father of the Contest, shine through; to bring together diverse communities of the world, to share cultures, and to use the power of the Contest to make the world a little bit better.

Right now, I think we all need that...

ALBANIA

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Lindita (Lindita Halimi)
Title	World
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Klodian Qafoku, Gerald Xhari, Lindita Halimi
Running Order Position	4th in Semifinal One
Sponsoring Broadcaster	RTSH

Artist Profile	28-year-old Kosovo-born Lindita Halimi took part in the third edition of <i>Albanian Idol</i> in 2006, and has been releasing singles consistently since then. She took 3rd place in the 53rd Festivali i Këngës with fan-favorite "S'të fal", and in 2016 took part in the final season of <i>American Idol</i> , getting cut just before the live shows. Lindita has also made her name as a fitness guru, having lost nearly half of her body weight through diet and exercise.
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Song Description	A grandiose, sweeping ballad that shows off Lindita's impressive vocal range.
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Selection Process	First alphabetically and chronologically, Albania held its National Final, <i>Festivali i Këngës</i> , through two semifinals and a final. For the first time, the Albanian public had a say in choosing their Eurovision entry, with their televote going alongside a twelve-member jury.
Date announced	23 December (original version), 13 March (English version)

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2004
Years Competed	2004-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	14
Best Position	5th place: 2012: Rona Nishliu, "Suus"
Semifinal Qualification Record	6 out of 12 attempts, with one automatic qualification
Position 2016	16th in the Semifinal with 45 points
Artist/Song 2016	Eneda Tarifa, "Fairytale"
Host venue	n/a

ARMENIA

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Artsvik (Artsvik Harutyunyan)
Title	Fly With Me
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Avet Barseghyan, Lilith Navasardyan, Levon Navasardyan, David Tserunyan
Running Order Position	16th in Semifinal One
Sponsoring Broadcaster	AMPTV

Artist Profile	Artsvik Harutyunyan, 32, was born in Armenia and relocated to Russia at a young age. In 2013, she took part in the Russian edition of <i>The Voice, Golos</i> , eventually eliminated during the battle rounds. She's released a handful of English-language singles since then.
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Song Description	A modern ethno-jazz confection enhanced by global influences.
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Selection Process	Armenia selected its artist this year via the show <i>Depi Evratesil</i> , in which former Armenian Eurovision singers mentored up-and-coming talent through a series of elimination heats.
Date announced	24 December (artist selection), 18 March (song reveal)

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2006
Years Competed	2006-2011, 2013-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	11
Best Position	4th place: 2008: Sirusho, "Qélé, Qélé" 2013: Aram Mp3, "Not Alone"
Semifinal Qualification Record	8 out of 9 attempts, with one automatic qualification
Position 2016	7th place with 249 points
Artist/Song 2016	Iveta Mukuchyan, "LoveWave"
Host venue	n/a

AUSTRALIA

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Isaiah (Isaiah Firebrace)
Title	Don't Come Easy
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Anthony Egizii, David Musumeci, Michael Angelo
Running Order Position	3rd in Semifinal One
Sponsoring Broadcaster	SBS

Artist Profile	At only 17 years old, Isaiah Firebrace is one of this year's youngest participants. Like 2016 Australian representative Dami Im, he was launched into stardom after winning the 2016 edition of <i>The X Factor Australia</i> . His debut single, "It's Gotta Be You", found modest success not only in his homeland and neighboring New Zealand, but also in Denmark and Sweden.
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Song Description	A soulful, heartfelt ballad about learning to love again.
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Selection Process	Following the lead of Guy Sebastian in 2015 and Dami Im in 2016, Australia has selected their third entrant via an internal selection.
Date announced	7 March (artist and song reveal)

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2015
Years Competed	2015-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	3
Best Position	2nd place: 2016: Dami Im, "Sound of Silence"
Semifinal Qualification Record	1 out of 1 attempt, plus one automatic qualification.
Position 2016	2nd place with 511 points
Artist/Song 2016	Dami Im, "Sound of Silence"
Host venue	n/a

AUSTRIA

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Nathan Trent (Nathanaele Koll)
Title	Running on Air
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Nathan Trent, Bernhard Penzias
Running Order Position	2nd in Semifinal Two
Sponsoring Broadcaster	ORF

Artist Profile	25-year-old Innsbruck native Nathan Trent took part in the 2011 edition of Germany's <i>X Factor</i> , but was cut in the first live shows. Since then, he's studied musical theatre and released his first single, "Like It Is", in 2016. Interestingly, Nathan was due to take part in this year's German National Final, but had to withdraw due to his internal selection by ORF.
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Song Description	A bright and breezy, singer-songwritery ode to pushing oneself just a little bit further.
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Selection Process	Returning to the formula that brought them the victory in 2014, Nathan Trent was selected internally.
Date announced	19 December (artist reveal) 28 February (song reveal)

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1957
Years Competed	1957-1968, 1971-1972, 1976-1997, 1999-2000, 2002-2005, 2007, 2011-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	50
Best Position	1st place: 1966: Udo Jürgens, "Merci, Cherie" 2014: Conchita Wurst, "Rise Like a Phoenix"
Semifinal Qualification Record	3 out of 7 attempts, plus two automatic qualifications.
Position 2016	13th place with 151 points
Artist/Song 2016	Zoë, "Loin d'ici"
Host venue	1967: Hofburg Imperial Palace, Vienna 2015: Wiener Stadthalle, Vienna

AZERBAIJAN

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	DiHaj (Diana Hajiyeva)
Title	Skeletons
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Sandra Bjurman, Isa Melikov
Running Order Position	8th in Semifinal One
Sponsoring Broadcaster	İctimai Television

Artist Profile	27-year-old Diana Hajieva attended the Baku Academy of Music and The Institute of Contemporary Music Performance in London. She took part in the Azerbaijani National Final in 2011, but failed to progress from her heat. Since then, she's recorded a number of singles, both in English and Azerbaijani, and also works with the Baku Jazz Center.
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Song Description	A dark, yet soaring three minutes of alt-pop.
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Selection Process	DiHaj was selected internally, as the Azerbaijani broadcaster has done since 2015.
Date announced	5 December (artist announcement), 11 March (song reveal)

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2008
Years Competed	2008-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	10
Best Position	1st: 2011: Ell & Nikki, "Running Scared"
Semifinal Qualification Record	8 out of 8 attempts, plus one automatic qualification
Position 2016	17th place with 117 points
Artist/Song 2016	Samra Rahimli, "Miracle"
Host venue	2012: Crystal Hall, Baku

BELARUS

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	NAVI
Title (Native Language)	Г і с т о р ы я м а й г о ж ы ц ц я (Historyja majho žyccia)
Title English	Story of My Life
Language of Performance	Belarusian
Composer	Arciom Lukjanienka
Running Order Position	14th in Semifinal Two
Sponsoring Broadcaster	BTRC

Artist Profile	NAVI were founded in 2013 by Arciom Lukjanienka and Ksienija Žuk, who are partners in real life as well as in music. They perform exclusively in Belarusian, which will mark the first time that the nation has sent a song in a language other than English to Eurovision. They've released two studio albums.
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Song Description	A joyful, carefree, folksy duet that's easy to catch on to, even if you don't speak a lick of Belarusian.
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Selection Process	A one-night National Final was held, combining a public televote and a professional jury.
Date announced	20 January

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2004
Years Competed	2004-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	14
Best Position	6th: 2007: Dmitry Koldun, "Work Your Magic"
Semifinal Qualification Record	4 out of 13 attempts
Position 2016	12th in the semifinal with 84 points
Artist/Song 2016	Ivan, "Help You Fly"
Host venue	n/a

BELGIUM

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Blanche (Ellie Delvaux)
Title	City Lights
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Ellie Delvaux, Pierre Dumoulin
Running Order Position	5th in Semifinal One
Sponsoring Broadcaster	RTBF

Artist Profile	Blanche is this year's youngest female participant, at only 17 years old. In 2016, she took part in the 5th series of <i>The Voice Belgique</i> , eliminated in Week Two. She is currently working on her debut EP.
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Song Description	2010's alt-pop meets a dash of '80s synth, brought together with Blanche's ethereal vocals.
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Selection Process	As is now standard practice for Belgium at Eurovision, the management of the Contest in this odd-numbered year falls to the Walloon (French-speaking) broadcaster. As they have done since 2013, RTBF has selected its artist internally.
Date announced	22 November (artist reveal), 8 March (song presentation)

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1956
Years Competed	1956-1993, 1995-1996, 1998-2000, 2002-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	59 contests, 60 songs
Best Position	1st: 1986: Sandra Kim, "J'aime la vie"
Semifinal Qualification Record	4 out of 12 attempts, plus one automatic qualification
Position 2016	10th place with 181 points
Artist/Song 2016	Laura Tesoro, "What's the Pressure"
Host venue	1987: Centenary Palace, Brussels

BULGARIA

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Kristian Kostov
Title	Beautiful Mess
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Sebastian Armann, Borislav Milanov, Joakim Bo Persson
Running Order Position	15th in Semifinal Two
Sponsoring Broadcaster	BNT

Artist Profile	Born in Moscow to a Bulgarian father and Kazakh mother, 17-year-old Kristian is this year's youngest participant. He was a finalist in Russia's version of <i>The Voice Kids</i> , under the guidance of Dima Bilan, then relocated to Bulgaria and took part in <i>The X Factor</i> , coming in second overall.
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Song Description	An elegant, soulful modern ballad with a hint of Balkan flavor.
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Selection Process	Following their success in 2016, BNT held an internal selection after reaching out to local record labels.
Date announced	13 March (artist and song reveal)

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2005
Years Competed	2005-2013, 2016-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	11
Best Position	4th: 2016: Poli Genova, "If Love Was A Crime"
Semifinal Qualification Record	2 out of 10 attempts
Position 2016	4th place with 307 points
Artist/Song 2016	Poli Genova, "If Love Was A Crime"
Host venue	n/a

CROATIA

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Jacques Houdek
Title	My Friend
Language of Performance	English, Italian
Composer	Jacques Houdek, Arjana Kunštek, Fabrizio Laucella, Tony Roberth Malm, Ines Prajo, Siniša Reljić
Running Order Position	11th in Semifinal Two
Sponsoring Broadcaster	HRT

Artist Profile	35-year-old Houdek has been performing since 2000, but it was his 2002 appearance at Croatia's National Final that launched his local career. He has since released eight studio albums, three live albums, and currently features as a coach on Croatia's edition of <i>The Voice</i> .
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Song Description	A Broadway-style anthem meets an Italian-language opera, all in one convenient package.
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Selection Process	Both the artist and song were selected internally.
Date announced	17 February (artist reveal), 2 March (song presentation)

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1993
Years Competed	1993-2013, 2016-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	23
Best Position	4th: 1996: Maja Blagdan, "Sveta ljubav" 1999: Doris Dragović, "Marija Magdalena"
Semifinal Qualification Record	5 out of 10 attempts, plus one automatic qualification
Position 2016	23rd with 73 points
Artist/Song 2016	Nina Krajić, "Lighthouse"
Host venue	1990 (as part of a then-united Yugoslavia): Vatroslav Lisinski Concert Hall, Zagreb

CYPRUS

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Hovig (Hovig Demirjian)
Title	Gravity
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Thomas G:son
Running Order Position	15th in Semifinal One
Sponsoring Broadcaster	CyBC

Artist Profile	Hovig Demirjian, who is a 28-year-old of Armenian lineage, took part in the second season of <i>X Factor Greece</i> , which also launched the careers of Eurovision alumnae Eleftheria Eleftheriou (Greece 2012) and Ivi Adamou (Cyprus 2012). He has released a number of singles into the Greek-speaking market, and took part in the 2010 and 2015 Cypriot National Finals for Eurovision.
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Song Description	A cool, steady beat, Hovig's soaring vocals, and slick Swedish production.
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Selection Process	As had been done the previous year, Hovig was selected internally.
Date announced	21 October (artist reveal), 1 March (song presentation)

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1981
Years Competed	1981-1987, 1989-2000, 2002-2013, 2015-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	34
Best Position	5th: 1982: Anna Vissi, "Mono i agapi" 1997: Hara & Andreas Constantinou, "Mana mou" 2004: Lisa Andreas, "Stronger Every Minute"
Semifinal Qualification Record	5 out of 11 attempts, plus one automatic qualification
Position 2016	21st with 96 points
Artist/Song 2016	Minus One, "Alter Ego"
Host venue	n/a

CZECH REPUBLIC

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Martina Bárta
Title	My Turn
Language of Performance	English
Composer	DWB, Kyler Niko
Running Order Position	14th in Semifinal One
Sponsoring Broadcaster	ČT

Artist Profile	28-year-old Martina is the current vocalist and French horn player for the Frankfurt-based jazz ensemble 4 to the Bar. She has been active in the Czech jazz scene since about 2011, and has also performed as Maid Marian in the Czech stage production of the musical <i>Robin Hood</i> .
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Song Description	A heartfelt ballad about love and support, highlighted by Martina's jazzy, husky vocals.
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Selection Process	As they have done since their return to Eurovision in 2015, the Czech broadcaster opted for an internal selection.
Date announced	15 February (artist reveal), 7 March (song presentation)

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2007
Years Competed	2007-2009, 2015-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	6
Best Position	25th: 2016: Gabriela Gunčíková, "I Stand"
Semifinal Qualification Record	1 out of 5 attempts
Position 2016	25th with 41 points
Artist/Song 2016	Gabriela Gunčíková, "I Stand"
Host venue	n/a

DENMARK

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Anja Nissen
Title	Where I Am
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Michael D'Arcy, Anja Nissen, Angel Tupai,
Running Order Position	8th in Semifinal Two
Sponsoring Broadcaster	DR

Artist Profile	Born in Australia to Danish parents, Anja appeared on <i>Australia's Got Talent</i> in 2012, and won the third series of <i>The Voice</i> in 2014. After releasing her self-titled debut album, she took part in Denmark's National Final for Eurovision 2016, coming in second place with the Emmelie de Forest-penned "Never Alone".
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Song Description	A big-voiced ballad with a touch of a 90's dance feel.
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Selection Process	A one-night National Final, <i>Dansk Melodi Grand Prix 2017</i> , saw ten acts vying for three spots in a Superfinal, followed by another round of voting.
Date announced	25 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1957
Years Competed	1957-1966, 1978-1993, 1995, 1997, 1999-2002, 2004-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	46
Best Position	1st: 1963: Grethe and Jørgen Ingmann, "Dansevise" 2000: Olsen Brothers, "Fly on the Wings of Love" 2013: Emmelie de Forest, "Only Teardrops"
Semifinal Qualification Record	8 out of 11 attempts, plus two automatic qualifications
Position 2016	17th in the semifinal with 34 points
Artist/Song 2016	Lighthouse X, "Soldiers of Love"
Host venue	1964: Tivolis Koncertsal, Copenhagen 2001: Parken Stadium, Copenhagen 2014: B&W Hallerne, Copenhagen

ESTONIA

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Koit Toome & Laura (Laura Põldvere)
Title	Verona
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Sven Lõhmus
Running Order Position	17th in Semifinal Two
Sponsoring Broadcaster	ERR

Artist Profile	<p>Koit Toome was Estonia's second Eurovision participant, taking "Mere lapsed" to 12th place in Birmingham back in 1998. Since then, he's been recording actively, as well as taking part in a number of musical theatre productions, including <i>Les Miserables</i>, <i>Rent</i>, <i>West Side Story</i>, and <i>The Phantom of the Opera</i>.</p> <p>Laura Põldvere is also a Eurovision alumna, having performed as a member of Suntribe in Kyiv back in 2005 with "Let's Get Loud". She's released two albums as a soloist, and took part in Estonia's National Finals in 2009 and 2016, coming in third and second, respectively.</p>
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Song Description	An elegant, yet rhythmic duet about love's darker side.
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Selection Process	Twenty songs competed in this year's <i>Eesti Laul</i> , with ten advancing to the Final. Following a combined televote and jury vote, three songs progressed to a superfinal, where a 100% televote picked the winner.
Date announced	4 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1994
Years Competed	1994, 1996-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	23
Best Position	1st: 2001: Tanel Padar & Dave Benton featuring 2XL, "Everybody"
Semifinal Qualification Record	5 out of 13 attempts
Position 2016	18th in the semifinal with 24 points
Artist/Song 2016	Jüri Pootsman, "Play"
Host venue	2002: Saku Suurhall, Tallinn

MACEDONIA

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Jana Buržeska
Title	Dance Alone
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Florence A., Borislav Milanov, Alex Omar, Joacim Persson
Running Order Position	3rd in Semifinal Two
Sponsoring Broadcaster	MRT

Artist Profile	23-year-old Jana got her start in music after competing in the 2011 edition of <i>Macedonian Idol</i> (judged by two-time Eurovision alumna Kaliopi), in which she came fifth overall. After a few years off to pursue her studies, Jana re-emerged on the local music scene with a number of appearances at <i>SkopjeFest</i> .
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Song Description	A well-produced pop track sure to fill the dance floor despite its underlying melancholy.
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Selection Process	As they did in 2016, Macedonia opted for an internal selection.
Date announced	21 November (artist reveal), 10 March (song presentation)

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1998
Years Competed	1998, 2000, 2002, 2004-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	17
Best Position	12th 2006: Elena Risteka, "Ninanjna"
Semifinal Qualification Record	5 out of 13 attempts
Position 2016	11th in the semifinal with 88 points
Artist/Song 2016	Kaliopi, "Dona"
Host venue	n/a

FINLAND

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Norma John
Title	Blackbird
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Lasse Piirainen and Leena Tironen
Running Order Position	7th in Semifinal One
Sponsoring Broadcaster	Yle

Artist Profile	Helsinki-based duo Norma John is made up of Leena Tironen, 32, and Lasse Piirainen, 34, who have known each other since childhood. Leena appeared on Finnish <i>X Factor</i> in 2010.
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Song Description	A sweeping, yet sparse ballad full of Nordic bleakness, in the best possible sense.
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Selection Process	Yle held its sixth annual <i>Uuden Musiikin Kilpailu</i> , or “New Music Festival”. A one-night-only event, the winner was selected by a public televote as well as the votes of an international jury.
Date announced	28 January

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1961
Years Competed	1961-1969, 1971-1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	51
Best Position	1st: 2006: Lordi, "Hard Rock Hallelujah"
Semifinal Qualification Record	6 out of 12 attempts, with one automatic qualification
Position 2016	15th in the semifinal with 51 points
Artist/Song 2016	Sandja, "Sing it Away"
Host venue	2007, Hartwall Areena

FRANCE

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Alma (Alexandra Maquet)
Title	Requiem
Language of Performance	French
Composer	Nazim Khaled
Running Order Position	Automatic Finalist, running order to be determined.
Sponsoring Broadcaster	France Télévisions (France 2)

Artist Profile	Alma, born Alexandra Maquet, is a 28-year-old from Lyon. She is on the verge of releasing her first full album, under the guidance of songwriter and producer Nazim Khaled, who also worked with last year's French entrant, Amir.
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Song Description	A touch of tango, a bit of pop, and a lot of winsome charm.
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Selection Process	Following the the pattern that gave France their first Top Ten finish in six years, France Télévisions opted for an internal selection.
Date announced	9 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1956
Years Competed	1956-1973, 1975-1981, 1983-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	60 contests, 61 songs
Best Position	1st: 1958: Andre Claveau, "Dors, mon amour" 1960: Jacqueline Boyer, "Tom Pilibi" 1962: Isabel Aubret, "Un premier amour" 1969: Frida Boccara, "Un jour, un enfant" 1977: Marie Myriam, "L'oiseau et l'enfant"
Semifinal Qualification Record	Member of the "Big Five", automatic qualifier
Position 2016	6th place with 257 points
Artist/Song 2016	Amir, "J'ai cherché"
Host venue	1959: Palais des Festivals et des Congrès, Cannes 1961: Palais des Festivals et des Congrès, Cannes 1978: Palais des Congrès, Paris

GEORGIA

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Tamara Gachechiladze
Title	Keep the Faith
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Tamara Gachechiladze, Anri Jokhadze
Running Order Position	2nd in Semifinal One
Sponsoring Broadcaster	GPB

Artist Profile	34-year-old Tamara has been performing for audiences since childhood, and has taken the stage at a number of regional and national festivals, including Slavianski Bazaar. In 2009, as a member of "Stephane and 3G", she was selected to represent Georgia at Eurovision with the song "We Don't Wanna Put In", but the entry was withdrawn before the contest.
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Song Description	A dramatic, big-voiced ballad fit for a Bond theme.
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Selection Process	In a marathon National Final, twenty-five songs were in the running for the ticket to Kyiv. An international jury and a public televote determined the winner, with a 60:40 weight.
Date announced	20 January

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2007
Years Competed	2007-2008, 2010-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	10
Best Position	9th: 2010: Sopho Nizharadze, "Shine" 2011: Eldrine, "One More Day"
Semifinal Qualification Record	7 out of 9 attempts
Position 2016	20th place with 104 points
Artist/Song 2016	Nika Kocharov & Young Georgian Lolitaz, "Midnight Gold"
Host venue	n/a

GERMANY

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Levina (Isabella Lueen)
Title	Perfect Life
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Lindsey Ray, Lindy Robbins, Dave Bassett
Running Order Position	Automatic Finalist, running order to be determined.
Sponsoring Broadcaster	ARD & NDR

Artist Profile	Born in Bonn and educated in London, 25-year-old Levina is pursuing her degree in Music Management. While she's been recording for a few years, this is her first major release and competition. Her debut album, <i>Unexpected</i> , was released just before the Contest.
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Song Description	An uplifting, Sia-esque pop track.
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Selection Process	In Round 1 of <i>Unser Song 2017</i> , five singers performed covers, eliminating two contestants after a televote. In Round 2, the remaining singers performed the first potential German song, with two artists moving on after another televote to perform the other song. Round 3 of voting determined the two best overall performances, and a final televote determined the song for Kyiv.
Date announced	9 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1956
Years Competed	1956-1995, 1997-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	62 contests, 63 songs
Best Position	1st: 1982: Nicole, "Ein bißchen Frieden" 2010: Lena Meyer-Landrut, "Satellite"
Semifinal Qualification Record	Member of the "Big Five", automatic qualifier
Position 2016	26th place with 11 points
Artist/Song 2016	Jamie-Lee, "Ghost"
Host venue	1957: Hessischer Rundfunk Studio, Frankfurt 1983: Rudi-Sedlmayer-Halle, Munich 2011: Esprit Arena, Düsseldorf

GREECE

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Demy (Dimitra Papadea)
Title	This is Love
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Dimitris Kontopoulos, Romy Papadea, John Ballard
Running Order Position	10th in Semifinal One
Sponsoring Broadcaster	ERT

Artist Profile	25-year-old Athenian Demy is one of Greece's most popular singers. She's been releasing music since 2011, including a Greek-language cover of last year's Bulgarian Eurovision entry. In 2013, she won the MTV Europe Music Award for Best Greek Act, and in 2016 she played Wednesday Addams in the Greek stage production of <i>The Addams Family</i> .
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Song Description	A slightly melancholic opening movement gives way to a hands-in-the-air dance track
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Selection Process	ERT held a pared-down National Final, presenting three music videos by Demy, all recorded in Odessa, Ukraine. A public televote was held, as well as a jury vote of Greek diaspora communities abroad.
Date announced	13 January (artist reveal), 6 March (national final)

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1974
Years Competed	1974, 1976-1981, 1983, 1985, 1987-1998, 2001-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	38
Best Position	1st: 2005: Helena Paparizou, "My Number One"
Semifinal Qualification Record	9 out of 10 attempts, with three automatic qualifications
Position 2016	16th in the semifinal with 44 points
Artist/Song 2016	Argo, "Utopian Land"
Host venue	2006: Olympic Indoor Hall

HUNGARY

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Joci Pápai
Title	Origo
Language of Performance	Hungarian
Composer	József Pápai
Running Order Position	7th in Semifinal Two
Sponsoring Broadcaster	MTVA & Duna TV

Artist Profile	József "Joci" Pápai is a 35-year-old performer of Romani descent, who first became known to the Hungarian public through his 2005 appearance in <i>Megasztár</i> . Since then, he's released a number of Hungarian-language singles.
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Song Description	Traditional Romani vibes meet modern rap in this intriguing hybrid.
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Selection Process	Thirty songs took part in this year's edition of <i>A Dal</i> , and through a series of heats and semifinals, the candidates were winnowed down to eight finalists. A jury pared those eight down to four on the day of the Final, and the public selected the eventual winner.
Date announced	18 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1994
Years Competed	1994-1995, 1997-1998, 2005, 2007-2009, 2011-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	15
Best Position	4th: 1994: Frederika Bayer, "Kinek mondjam el vétkeimet?"
Semifinal Qualification Record	8 out of 10 attempts
Position 2016	19th place with 108 points
Artist/Song 2016	Freddie, "Pioneer"
Host venue	n/a

ICELAND

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Svala (Svala Björgvinsdóttir)
Title	Paper
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Svala Björgvinsdóttir, Einar Egilsson, Lester Mendez, Lily Elise
Running Order Position	13th in Semifinal One
Sponsoring Broadcaster	RÚV

Artist Profile	Svala Björgvinsdóttir comes from a musical family; her father Björgvin Halldórsson, performed the song “Núna” at Eurovision 1995, coming in 15th place overall. Svala, age 40, has released a number of albums, both as a soloist and as a member of the band Steed Lord. She is currently a judge on <i>The Voice</i> in Iceland.
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Song Description	Current electropop sounds with a hint of New Wave and Pat Benatar.
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Selection Process	A dozen acts competed in the two semifinals for <i>Söngvakeppnin 2017</i> , with the top three from each competition, plus a wildcard entry, qualifying for the Final. A televote and joint Icelandic/international jury panel selected two superfinalists, which were voted on again by the Icelandic public.
Date announced	11 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1986
Years Competed	1986-1997, 1999-2001, 2003-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	30
Best Position	2nd: 1999: Selma, "All Out of Luck" 2009: Yohanna, "Is It True?"
Semifinal Qualification Record	7 out of 12 attempts, with one automatic qualification
Position 2016	14th in the semifinal with 51 points
Artist/Song 2016	Greta Salóme, "Hear Them Calling"
Host venue	n/a

IRELAND

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Brendan Murray
Title	Dying to Try
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Jörgen Elofsson, James Newman
Running Order Position	9th in Semifinal Two
Sponsoring Broadcaster	RTE

Artist Profile	20-year-old Galway native Brendan Murray was a member of the boy band HomeTown, which was active from 2014 until 2016. Over the years, the band opened for Olly Murs, The Vamps, and McBusted. This is Brendan's first release as a soloist.
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Song Description	One of this year's few waltz-time entries, the theme of newfound, tentative love works with Brendan's high vocal range.
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Selection Process	For the second year running, Ireland opted for an internal selection.
Date announced	16 December (artist reveal), 10 March (song presentation)

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1965
Years Competed	1965-1982, 1984-2001, 2003-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	51
Best Position	1st: 1970: Dana, "All Kinds of Everything" 1980: Johnny Logan, "What's Another Year?" 1987: Johnny Logan, "Hold Me Now" 1992: Linda Martin, "Why Me?" 1993: Niamh Kavanagh, "In Your Eyes" 1994: Paul Harrington & Charlie McGettigan, "Rock 'n' Roll Kids" 1996: Eimear Quinn, "The Voice"
Semifinal Qualification Record	5 out of 11 attempts, with two automatic qualifications
Position 2016	15th in the semifinal with 46 points
Artist/Song 2016	Nicky Byrne, "Sunlight"
Host venue	1971: The Gaiety Theatre, Dublin 1981: RDS Simmonscourt Pavilion, Dublin 1988: RDS Simmonscourt Pavilion, Dublin 1993: Glen Greens Arena, Millstreet 1994: Point Theatre, Dublin 1995: Point Theatre, Dublin 1997: Point Theatre, Dublin

ISRAEL

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	IMRI (Imri Ziv)
Title	I Feel Alive
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Penn Hazut, Dolev Ram
Running Order Position	18th in Semifinal Two
Sponsoring Broadcaster	IPBC

Artist Profile	25-year-old Imri Ziv is actually a two-time Eurovision alum, as he performed backup for both Nadav Guedj in 2015 and Hovi Star in 2016. He also took part in the 2012 edition of <i>The Voice Israel</i> .
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Song Description	A solid dance track with a dash of Middle-Eastern instrumentation.
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Selection Process	The reality show <i>HaKokhav HaBa L'Eurovision</i> was used, as it had been in 2015 and 2016, to select Israel's artist. The song would be selected at a later date, tailored to the winner's style.
Date announced	13 February (artist selection), 13 March (song presentation)

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1973
Years Competed	1973-1993, 1995, 1998-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	42
Best Position	1st: 1978: Izhar Cohen & the Alphabeta, "A-Ba-Ni-Bi" 1979: Gali Atari & Milk and Honey, "Hallelujah" 1998: Dana International, "Diva"
Semifinal Qualification Record	6 out of 12 attempts, with 1 automatic qualification
Position 2016	14th place with 135 points
Artist/Song 2016	Hovi Star, "Made of Stars"
Host venue	1979: International Convention Center, Jerusalem 1999: International Convention Center, Jerusalem

ITALY

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Francesco Gabbani
Title (Native Language)	Occidentali's Karma
Title English	Westerners' Karma
Language of Performance	Italian
Composer	Francesco Gabbani, Filippo Gabbani, Fabio Ilacqua, Luca Chiaravalli
Running Order Position	Automatic Finalist, running order to be determined.
Sponsoring Broadcaster	RAI

Artist Profile	Francesco is 34 years old and hails from Tuscany. He won the Newcomers section of the San Remo Festival back in 2016 with the song "Amen", which makes him the first artist to win the main San Remo prize the year after taking the Newcomer's division. His third studio album, <i>Magellano</i> , was released just prior to Eurovision.
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Song Description	A well-crafted pop song, but the lyrical commentary about Orientalism, public image, and anthropological themes is what raises this entry to the next level.
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Selection Process	Once again, Italy's San Remo Festival was used as the springboard for Eurovision, with the winner of the five-night competition being offered the right of first refusal to go to Kyiv.
Date announced	11 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1956
Years Competed	1956-1980, 1983-1985, 1987-1993, 1997, 2011-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	43 competitions, 44 songs
Best Position	1st: 1964: Gigliola Cinquetti, "Non ho l'età" 1990: Toto Cutugno, "Insieme: 1992"
Semifinal Qualification Record	Member of the "Big Five", automatic qualifier
Position 2016	16th place with 124 points
Artist/Song 2016	Francesca Michielin, "No Degree of Separation"
Host venue	1965: RAI Auditorium, Naples 1991: Cinecittà, Rome

LATVIA

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Triana Park
Title	Line
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Kristaps Ērglis, Agnese Rakovska, Kristians Rakovskis
Running Order Position	18th in Semifinal One
Sponsoring Broadcaster	LTV

Artist Profile	After five attempts, Riga-based band Triana Park finally clinched a spot at Eurovision. The group consists of vocalist Agnese Rakovska, guitarist Artūrs Strautiņš, bassist Kristaps Ērglis, and drummer Edgars Viļums.
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Song Description	A hypnotic rave track that sounds both rich and minimalistic at the same time.
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Selection Process	Twenty-two acts took part in this year's edition of <i>Supernova</i> , with only four qualifying to the eventual Final. The public vote was measured by an online poll, a televote/SMS tally, and the amount of streams each song tallied on Spotify.
Date announced	26 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2000
Years Competed	2000-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	18
Best Position	1st: 2002: Marie N, "I Wanna"
Semifinal Qualification Record	5 out of 12 attempts, plus one automatic qualification
Position 2016	15th place with 132 points
Artist/Song 2016	Justs, "Heartbeat"
Host venue	2003: Skonto Hall, Riga

LITHUANIA

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Fusedmarc
Title	Rain of Revolution
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Viktorija Ivanovskaja, Denis Zujev, Michail Levin
Running Order Position	16th in Semifinal Two
Sponsoring Broadcaster	LRT

Artist Profile	Fusedmarc, which has been active since 2004, consists of vocalist Viktorija Ivanovskaja and multi-instrumentalist Denisas Zujevas, with the help of visual artist Stasys Žakas. Their aim as a band is to go beyond just the audio experience and make each performance a visual one, as well.
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Song Description	A big-voiced funk-rock track full of energy.
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Selection Process	This year's <i>Eurovizijos dainų konkurso nacionalinė atranka</i> involved 51 songs, which were narrowed down through a series of eight heats. After a Semifinal brought the tally down to six songs, a repechage was held, bringing the number of acts in the Final to seven. An international jury, alongside the Lithuanian public, determined the winner.
Date announced	11 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1994
Years Competed	1994-1999, 2001-2002, 2004-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	18
Best Position	6th 2006: LT United, "We Are the Winners"
Semifinal Qualification Record	7 out of 12 attempts, plus one automatic qualification
Position 2016	9th place with 200 points
Artist/Song 2016	Donny Montell, "I've Been Waiting For This Night"
Host venue	n/a

MALTA

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Claudia Faniello
Title	Breathlessly
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Philip Vella, Sean Vella, Gerard James Borg
Running Order Position	4th in Semifinal Two
Sponsoring Broadcaster	PBS

Artist Profile	29-year-old Claudia had attempted to represent Malta at Eurovision ten times before striking gold on her eleventh try. Her older brother, Fabrizio, is a two-time Eurovision alum; his song "Another Summer Night" placed 9th in 2001, and "I Do" placed 24th in 2006.
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Song Description	A classic ballad full of yearning and heartbreak.
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Selection Process	Sixteen songs were in the running for Malta, with a 100% televote deciding the winner.
Date announced	18 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1971
Years Competed	1971-1972, 1975, 1991-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	30
Best Position	2nd: 2002: Ira Losco, "7th Wonder" 2005: Chiara, "Angel"
Semifinal Qualification Record	6 out of 11 attempts, with two automatic qualifiers
Position 2016	12th place with 153 points
Artist/Song 2016	Ira Losco, "Walk on Water"
Host venue	n/a

MOLDOVA

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	SunStroke Project
Title	Hey, Mamma!
Language of Performance	English
Composer	SunStroke Project, Alina Galetskaya
Running Order Position	12th in Semifinal One
Sponsoring Broadcaster	TRM

Artist Profile	SunStroke Project is a 3-member group: vocalist Sergei Yalovitsky, violinist Anton Ragoza, and "Epic Sax Guy" Sergey Stepanov. The group formed in 2007, and represented Moldova at Eurovision 2010 with "Run Away", a collaboration with vocalist Olia Tira.
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Song Description	It's SunStroke Project, so you can expect a fun, danceable entry with a signature saxophone riff.
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Selection Process	Following a fourteen-song Semifinal, eight entries competed in Moldova's Final for <i>O melodie pentru Europa 2017</i> . A public televote and jury determined the winner.
Date announced	25 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2005
Years Competed	2005-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	13
Best Position	6th: 2005: Zdob și Zdub, "Bunica Bate Toba"
Semifinal Qualification Record	7 out of 11 attempts, with one automatic qualifier
Position 2016	17th in the semifinal with 33 points
Artist/Song 2016	Lidia Isac, "Falling Stars"
Host venue	n/a

MONTENEGRO

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Slavko Kalezić
Title	Space
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Momcilo Zeković
Running Order Position	6th in Semifinal One
Sponsoring Broadcaster	RTCG

Artist Profile	31-year-old Slavko Kalezić took part in the first series of <i>X Factor Adria</i> , but was eliminated prior to the live rounds. He is an active member of the Montenegrin National Theatre Company.
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Song Description	Flamboyant, cheeky, over-the-top, chock-full of double-entendres, and unabashedly fun.
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Selection Process	RTCG held an internal selection for this year's entry.
Date announced	29 December (artist name and song title reveal), 10 March (song presentation)

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2007
Years Competed	2007-2009, 2012-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	9
Best Position	13th: 2015: Knez, "Adio"
Semifinal Qualification Record	2 out of 8 attempts
Position 2016	13th in the semifinal with 60 points
Artist/Song 2016	Highway, "The Real Thing"
Host venue	n/a

NORWAY

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	JOWST (Joakim With Steen) feat. Aleksander Walmann
Title	Grab the Moment
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Joakim With Steen, Jonas McDonnell
Running Order Position	12th in Semifinal Two
Sponsoring Broadcaster	NRK

Artist Profile	JOWST, the stage name of 26-year-old Joakim With Steen, is a 27-year-old EDM producer and performer from Trondheim. He is joined on stage by guest vocalist Aleksander Walmann, 31, who was runner-up on the first series of <i>The Voice – Norges beste stemme</i> .
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Song Description	A cool Daft-Punk-lite entry with a great beat and a positive message.
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Selection Process	In a one-night national final, <i>Melodi Grand Prix 2017</i> , ten songs competed for jury's points and a public televote for four spots in a "Golden Final", where a second televote would decide the winner.
Date announced	11 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1960
Years Competed	1960-1969, 1971-2001, 2003-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	56
Best Position	1st: 1985: Bobbysocks, "La det swinge" 1995: Secret Garden, "Nocturne" 2009: Alexander Rybak, "Fairytale"
Semifinal Qualification Record	7 out of 10 attempts, plus three automatic qualifications
Position 2016	13th in the semifinal with 63 points
Artist/Song 2016	Agnete, "Icebreaker"
Host venue	1986: Grieghallen, Bergen 1996: Spektrum, Oslo 2010: Telenor Arena, Bærum (Oslo suburbs)

POLAND

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Kasia Moś
Title	Flashlight
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Kasia Moś, Pete Baringger, Rickard Bonde Truumeel
Running Order Position	11th in Semifinal One
Sponsoring Broadcaster	TVP

Artist Profile	After a few years of releasing singles on the Polish market (including the 2006 National Final) and performing in local theatre, 30-year-old Kasia moved to Las Vegas, where she performed as a member of The Pussycat Dolls Burlesque Revue. Returning to Poland in 2012, she took part in the third series of <i>Must Be The Music</i> . She released her first album, <i>Inspiration</i> , in 2015, and took part in the 2016 National Final with the song "Addiction".
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Song Description	A mysterious, smoldering, haunting ballad.
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Selection Process	Ten songs competed in <i>Krajowe Eliminacje 2017</i> , with a domestic jury and a public televote determining the winner.
Date announced	18 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1994
Years Competed	1994-1999, 2001, 2003-2011, 2014-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	20
Best Position	2nd: 1994: Edyta Górniak, "To nie ja!"
Semifinal Qualification Record	4 out of 10 attempts, plus one automatic qualification
Position 2016	8th place with 229 points
Artist/Song 2016	Michał Szpak, "Color of Your Life"
Host venue	n/a

PORTUGAL

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Salvador Sobral
Title (Native Language)	Amar pelos dois
Title English	Love for Both
Language of Performance	Portuguese
Composer	Luísa Sobral
Running Order Position	9th in Semifinal One
Sponsoring Broadcaster	RTP

Artist Profile	Salvador Sobral, 27, took part in the third series of <i>Ídolos</i> back in 2009, coming in seventh overall. After studying and performing in Barcelona and Mallorca, he released his debut album, <i>Excuse Me</i> , in 2016. "Amar pelos dois" was composed by his sister, Luísa.
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Song Description	An elegant, classic love ballad straight out of the 1950's, paired with a bashful, almost Chaplinesque performance.
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Selection Process	Following two eight-song semifinals in which eight songs qualified, the Final of <i>Festival da Canção 2017</i> used a 50/50 public televote and regional jury vote to determine their winner.
Date announced	5 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1964
Years Competed	1964-1969, 1971-1999, 2001, 2003-2012, 2014-2015, present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	49
Best Position	6th: 1996: Lúcia Moniz, ""O meu coração não tem cor"
Semifinal Qualification Record	3 out of 11 attempts
Position 2016	Did not participate
Artist/Song 2016	Did not participate
Host venue	n/a

ROMANIA

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Ilinca (Maria Ilinca Băcilă) feat. Alex Florea
Title	Yodel It!
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Mihai Alexandru, Alexandra Niculae
Running Order Position	5th in Semifinal Two
Sponsoring Broadcaster	TVR

Artist Profile	18-year-old Ilinca took part in the 4th series of <i>Vocea României</i> , the second series of <i>Românii au talent</i> , and the third series of <i>X Factor Romania</i> . Alex Florea, 25, was a semifinalist in the 5th series of <i>Vocea României</i> .
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Song Description	Straightforward, uplifting pop meets Alpine Yodeling. Where else but Eurovision?
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Selection Process	A total of fifteen songs made it to the televised semifinal of <i>Selecția Națională 2017</i> , with ten moving on to the Final. The winner was chosen entirely by a public televote.
Date announced	5 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1994
Years Competed	1994, 1998, 2000, 2002-2015, present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	18
Best Position	3rd: 2005: Luminița Anghel & Sistem, "Let Me Try" 2010: Paula Seling and Ovi, "Playing with Fire"
Semifinal Qualification Record	10 out of 10 attempts, with 3 automatic qualifications
Position 2016	Disqualified from the contest by the EBU for outstanding debts.
Artist/Song 2016	Ovidiu Anton, "Moment of Silence"
Host venue	n/a

RUSSIA

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Yulia Samoylova
Title	Flame is Burning
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Leonid Gutkin, Netta Nimrodi, Arie Burshtein
Running Order Position	Withdrawn from competition, originally 3rd in Semifinal Two
Sponsoring Broadcaster	Channel One

Artist Profile	28-year-old Yulia came in third place in the 2013 edition of <i>Faktor A</i> , the Russian version of <i>X Factor</i> . The following year, she was a featured performer in the opening ceremony of the Sochi Paralympic Games. Yulia is confined to a wheelchair due to a case of spinal muscular atrophy, a neuromuscular disorder.
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Song Description	A delicate, low-to-midtempo ballad about finding hope in darkness.
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Selection Process	As they have since 2013, Russia opted for an internal selection for both song and singer. After Yulia Samoylova was selected, it was revealed that she had performed in Crimea following Russia's annexation of the territory, a breach of Ukrainian law that would merit a ban on her entering the country at a later date. Ukrainian and Russian authorities were at a standstill, and Russia withdrew from the competition on 13 April.
Date announced	12 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1994
Years Competed	1994-1995, 1997, 2000-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	21
Best Position	1st: 2008: Dima Bilan, "Believe"
Semifinal Qualification Record	9 out of 9 attempts, with four automatic qualifications
Position 2016	3rd place with 491 points
Artist/Song 2016	Sergey Lazarev, "You Are the Only One"
Host venue	2009: Olympic Indoor Arena, Moscow

SAN MARINO

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Valentina Monetta and Jimmie Wilson
Title	Spirit of the Night
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Steven Barnacle, Ralph Siegel, Jutta Staudenmayer
Running Order Position	10th in Semifinal Two
Sponsoring Broadcaster	SMRTV

Artist Profile	<p>With "Spirit of the Night", Valentina Monetta ties the record for the most Eurovision performances by a female artist, with four. We first saw her in 2012 with "The Social Network Song (OH OH – Uh - OH OH)", followed up in 2013 with "Crisalide" and 2014's "Maybe", which took San Marino to the Finals for the first time. She has released three full albums.</p> <p>Jimmie Wilson, from Detroit, USA, has performed on stage in Michael Jackson's musical <i>Sisterella</i> and as Barack Obama in the German production <i>Hope! – Das Obama Musical</i>. In 2012, he appeared on the Polish talent show <i>Must Be the Music</i>, proceeding to the semifinal round.</p>
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Song Description	Boy meets girl, R&B meets Disco, Detroit meets San Marino.
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Selection Process	As is apt for a nation of its size, San Marino again opted for an internal selection for its song and performers.
Date announced	12 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2008
Years Competed	2008, 2011-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	8
Best Position	24th: 2014: Valentina Monetta, "Maybe"
Semifinal Qualification Record	1 out of seven attempts
Position 2016	12th in the semifinal with 68 points
Artist/Song 2016	Serhat, "I Didn't Know"
Host venue	n/a

SERBIA

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Tijana Bogićević
Title	In Too Deep
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Johan Alkenas, Lisa Ann-Mari Linder, Borislav Milanov, Joacim Bo Persson
Running Order Position	1st in Semifinal Two
Sponsoring Broadcaster	RTS

Artist Profile	Known to Eurovision audiences as one of Nina's backing singers for 2011's " <i>Čaroban</i> ", 35-year-old Tijana has had a few hits on the local charts, including 2010's " <i>Tražim</i> " and 2013's " <i>Čudo</i> ". She had also tried to represent Serbia at Eurovision 2009.
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Song Description	An upbeat dance track with a radio-friendly chorus.
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Selection Process	Like last year, Serbia opted for an internal selection.
Date announced	27 February (artist reveal), 11 March (song presentation)

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2007
Years Competed	2007-2013, 2015-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	10
Best Position	1st: 2007: Marija Šerifović, "Molitva"
Semifinal Qualification Record	6 out of 8 attempts, with one automatic qualification
Position 2016	18th place with 155 points
Artist/Song 2016	Sanja Vučić ZAA, "Goodbye (Shelter)"
Host venue	2008: Belgrade Arena, Belgrade

SLOVENIA

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Omar Naber
Title	On My Way
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Omar Naber
Running Order Position	17th in Semifinal One
Sponsoring Broadcaster	RTV SLO

Artist Profile	Omar, 35, is returning to Eurovision after his 2005 entry "Stop" failed to reach the Finals the last time the contest was hosted in Kyiv. He attempted to return to Eurovision with his National Final participations in 2009, 2011, and 2014. He has released three albums, most recently in 2014.
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Song Description	A big, emotional, almost theatrical ballad.
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Selection Process	Following two eight-song semifinals in which eight songs qualified, the Final of <i>EMA 2017</i> used a 50/50 public televote and regional jury vote to determine their winner.
Date announced	24 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1993
Years Competed	1993, 1995-1999, 2001-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	23
Best Position	7th: 1995: Darja Švajger, "Prisluhni mi" 2001: Nuša Derenda, "Energy"
Semifinal Qualification Record	4 out of 13 attempts
Position 2016	14th in the semifinal with 57 points
Artist/Song 2016	ManuElla, "Blue and Red"
Host venue	n/a

SPAIN

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Manel Navarro
Title	Do It For Your Lover
Language of Performance	English and Spanish
Composer	Manel Navarro, Rayito
Running Order Position	Automatic Finalist, running order to be determined.
Sponsoring Broadcaster	TVE

Artist Profile	21-year-old Manel, who is from just outside of Barcelona, was signed to Sony Music Spain after his 2014 win in <i>Catalunya Teen Star</i> . His previous single, "Candle", landed on the Spotify Viral charts in 2016.
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Song Description	Laid-back and beachy, this summery jam would fit in perfectly in your road-trip soundtrack.
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Selection Process	Following a round called <i>Eurocasting</i> , in which a single wildcard entry was selected from a pool of online submissions, <i>Objetivo Eurovisión 2017</i> brought in five additional songs, which were then voted on by a three-member jury as well as the Spanish public. When the results came out to a tie, a second tally of the jury's preferences determined the winner.
Date announced	11 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1961
Years Competed	1961-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	57
Best Position	1st: 1968: Massiel, "La La La" 1969: Salomé, "Vivo cantando"
Semifinal Qualification Record	Member of the "Big Five", automatic qualifier
Position 2016	22nd place with 77 points
Artist/Song 2016	Barei, "Say Yay!"
Host venue	1969: Teatro Real, Madrid

SWEDEN

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Robin Bengtsson
Title	I Can't Go On
Language of Performance	English
Composer	David Kreuger, Hamed "K-One" Pirouzpanah, Robin Stjernberg
Running Order Position	1st in Semifinal One
Sponsoring Broadcaster	SVT

Artist Profile	Robin Bengtsson, 27, first appeared on the Swedish scene when he came in third place in the 2008 series of <i>Idols</i> . He came in fifth place in last year's Melodifestivalen with the song "Constellation Prize". His first EP, <i>Under My Skin</i> , was released in 2014.
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Song Description	Slick and seductive, full of swagger, and highly polished.
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Selection Process	As is tradition by this point, <i>Melodifestivalen 2017</i> was one of the last national finals to be run. After four semifinals and a second chance round, a dozen acts performed. An international jury and the Swedish public (via SMS, televote, and app votes) decided the winner.
Date announced	11 March

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1958
Years Competed	1958-1963, 1964-1969, 1971-1975, 1977-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	57
Best Position	1st: 1974: ABBA, "Waterloo" 1984: Herreys, "Diggi-Loo Diggi-Ley" 1991: Carola, "Fångad av en stormvind" 1999: Charlotte Nilsson, "Take Me To Your Heaven" 2012: Loreen, "Euphoria" 2015: Måns Zelmerlöw, "Heroes"
Semifinal Qualification Record	9 out of 10 attempts, with five automatic qualifications
Position 2016	5th place with 261 points
Artist/Song 2016	Franz, "If I Were Sorry"
Host venue	1975: Stockholmsmässan, Stockholm 1985: Scandinavium, Gothenburg 1992: Malmö Isstadion, Malmö 2000: Globe Arena, Stockholm 2013: Malmö Arena, Malmö 2016: Globe Arena, Stockholm

SWITZERLAND

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Timebelle
Title	Apollo
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Elias Näslin, Nicolas Günthardt, Alessandra Günthardt
Running Order Position	13th in Semifinal Two
Sponsoring Broadcaster	SRG SSR

Artist Profile	Made up of members from Romania and Switzerland, Timebelle formed in Bern, and released their first EP, <i>Desperado</i> , in 2015. They competed at the Swiss National Final in 2015 with "Singing About Love", placing second. Miruna Mănescu is on lead vocals, Emanuel Daniel Andriescu is on saxophone, clarinet, and piano, and Samuel Forster is on percussion.
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Song Description	This entry strikes the perfect balance between "anthemic power ballad" and "sweet pop song".
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Selection Process	The one-night <i>Die Entscheidungsshow</i> brought together six acts. The winner was selected exclusively by a public televote.
Date announced	5 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1956
Years Competed	1956-1994, 1996-1998, 2000, 2002, 2004-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	58 competitions, 59 songs
Best Position	1st: 1956: Lys Assia, "Refrain" 1988: Céline Dion, "Ne partez pas sans moi"
Semifinal Qualification Record	3 out of 12 attempts, with one automatic qualification
Position 2016	18th in the semifinal with 28 points
Artist/Song 2016	Rykka, "The Last of Our Kind"
Host venue	1956: Teatro Kursaal, Lugano 1989, Palais de Beaulieu, Lausanne

THE NETHERLANDS

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	O'G3NE
Title	Lights and Shadows
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Rory de Kievit, Rick Vol
Running Order Position	6th in Semifinal Two
Sponsoring Broadcaster	AVROTROS

Artist Profile	Twins Amy & Shelley (21) along with their sister Lisa (22) make up the group, and keeping it in the family, their father Rick is one of the songwriters for their entry this year. The girls competed for The Netherlands at Junior Eurovision in 2007 and in 2014 they won season 5 of <i>The Voice Holland</i> .
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Song Description	With finely-tuned harmonies and an uplifting message, this inspirational track could have easily been a hit for Wilson Phillips.
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Selection Process	Following the trend that has brought the country relative success since 2013, broadcaster AVROTROS opted for an internal selection this year.
Date announced	20 October (artist reveal)

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1956
Years Competed	1956-1984, 1985-1990, 1992-1994, 1996-2001, 2003-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	58 competitions, 59 songs
Best Position	1st: 1957: Corry Brokken, "Net als toen" 1959: Teddy Scholten, "Een beetje" 1969: Lennie Kuhr, "De troubadour" 1975: Teach-In, "Ding-a-Dong"
Semifinal Qualification Record	4 out of 13 attempts
Position 2016	11th place with 153 points
Artist/Song 2016	Douwe Bob, "Slow Down"
Host venue	1958: AVRO Studio, Hilversum 1970: RAI Congrescentrum, Amsterdam 1976: Nederlands Congresgebouw, The Hague 1980: Nederlands Congresgebouw, The Hague

UKRAINE

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	O.Torvald
Title	Time
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Yeven Halych, Yeven Kamenchuk, Denyz Myzyuk
Running Order Position	Automatic Finalist, running order to be determined.
Sponsoring Broadcaster	NTU

Artist Profile	O. Torvald formed in 2005, releasing their debut album in 2008. Over the years they have taken part in many rock festivals in Ukraine. The band has had a few personnel changes; the current line-up consists of Yevhen Halych (vocals), Denys Myzyuk (guitar), Oleksandr Solokha (drums), Mykyta Vasyl'yev (bass) and Mykola Rayda (piano/keys).
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Song Description	"Time" is one of this year's few rock entries, and it's bound to get the hometown crowd energized.
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Selection Process	Following an online wildcard selection and three semifinals, a total of six songs qualified to the National Final. A public televote and a three-member jury (including 2016 Eurovision champion Jamala) selected the overall winner.
Date announced	25 February

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2003
Years Competed	2003-2014, 2016-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	14
Best Position	1st: 2004: Ruslana, "Wild Dances" 2016: Jamala, "1944"
Semifinal Qualification Record	10 out of 10 attempts, with two automatic qualifications
Position 2016	1st place with 534 points
Artist/Song 2016	Jamala, "1944"
Host venue	2005: Palace of Sports, Kyiv 2017: International Exhibition Centre, Kyiv

UNITED KINGDOM

Eurovision Song Contest 2017

Artist	Lucie Jones
Title	Never Give Up On You
Language of Performance	English
Composer	Emmelie de Forest, Lawrie Martin, The Treatment
Running Order Position	Automatic Finalist, running order to be determined.
Sponsoring Broadcaster	BBC

Artist Profile	Welsh native Lucie, 26, first came to the attention of the British public when she competed in the 6th season of <i>The X Factor</i> in 2009 under the mentoring of Dannii Minogue. She finished in 8th place, having been eliminated in her final sing-off by Jedward. Lucie went on to have a career as a model, and has now found her home in musical theatre. She is currently touring the UK in her role as Maureen Johnson in <i>Rent</i> .
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Song Description	This classic ballad's narrative shows off Lucie's theatrical skills, not to mention her lovely voice.
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Selection Process	Six songs competed for the ticket to Kyiv in <i>Eurovision: You Decide</i> . A public televote and an eight-member expert jury selected the evening's winner.
Date announced	27 January

Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	1957
Years Competed	1957, 1959-present
No. of ESC (incl 2017)	60
Best Position	1st: 1967: Sandie Shaw, "Puppet on a String" 1969: Lulu, "Boom Bang-a-Bang" 1976: Brotherhood of Man, "Save Your Kisses for Me" 1981: Bucks Fizz, "Making Your Mind Up" 1997: Katrina and the Waves, "Love Shine a Light"
Semifinal Qualification Record	Member of the "Big Five", automatic qualifier
Position 2016	24th place with 62 points
Artist/Song 2016	Joe and Jake, "You're Not Alone"
Host venue	1960: Royal Festival Hall, London 1963: BBC Television Centre, London 1968: Royal Albert Hall, London 1972: Usher Hall, Edinburgh 1974: Brighton Dome, Brighton 1977: Wembley Conference Center, London 1982: Harrogate International Center, Harrogate 1998: National Indoor Arena, Birmingham

